

## IDNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program

**Coastal Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 10:00 AM CT**  
Crown Point, Indiana

### Minutes

#### ATTENDANCE:

**Board Members Present:** Liz McCloskey (USFWS); Tiffany Tolbert (Indiana Landmarks); Christopher Meyers (City of Crown Point/Lake County); Bob Daum (NPS); Bill Moran (USDA-NRCS); Ray Joseph (Porter County Parks); Frank Seilheimer (City of Michigan City)

**Board Members Absent:** Young Choi (Universities); Joel Schmidt (US Army Corps); Dan Plath (NiSource); Christine Livingston (Porter County Convention Recreation Visitor Council); Kristopher Krouse (Shirley Heinze Land Trust); Nicole Barker (Save the Dunes); Kathy Luther (NIRPC); Ashley Snyder (LaMP/RAP Coordinator); Leslie Dorworth (IL IN Sea Grant); Craig Phillips (Michigan City Planner)

**Additional Attendees:** Pete Avis (IUN-NIRMI); Kerry Keith (SEH of Indiana); Pete JuLovich (City of Gary); Natalie Conlon (NiSource); Brandt Baughman (IDSP)

**Lake Michigan Coastal Program Staff Present:** Mike Molnar (LMCP Program Manager); Maggie Byrne (Grant Specialist); Derek Nimetz (Coastal Restoration Ecologist); Breana Sowers (LMCP Operations Manager); Dorreen Carey (Special Projects Coordinator); Sara Hancock (Grants Assistant)

The meeting was called to order by Liz McCloskey at Approximately 10:15 AM. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

\*Not enough members present for a quorum.

#### **Mike Molnar – CAB Membership Overview**

- Statements of Purpose – 13 voting, 8 non-voting, 3 vacancies.
- Board Responsibilities – attendance, stakeholder contacts, voting actions, grant guidance and priorities, conflict of interest, media relations, 1 year term – 2 year max.
- Break down of positions – Officers, Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- LMCP Committees – Grants, Education/Outreach, Planning, CELCP
- Important CAB Dates: 06/19 – Grant Priority Evening, 8/21 – Informational, 10/16 – Project Pre-Proposals, 12/18 – Information.

## **Maggie Byrne and Dorreen Carey – Road Show Presentation**

### Discussion Points

- Purpose and Strategies of the Program.
- TAPP – Sergio (absent; Maggie filled in) – highlighting past projects.
- Ecological Support – Derek – information about how to control invasives, restorations, inspections and native recommendations.
- Special Projects – Dorreen – information about non-point pollution: rain gardens, bioswale, rain barrels, pervious pavement, low-impact development, watershed planning, clean marina.
- Grants Program – Maggie – Pass-thru grants, funding categories, criteria for projects.

## **Dr. Pete Avis – NIRMI**

### Discussion Points

- Tracking the success of habitat restoration in NW Indiana: why, where, who is involved, what we don't know, long-time success trajectories.
- NIRMI.org database: what they monitor, 40 different sites, habitat types, stakeholders, field data, database, outreach. Live website contains methodology, intern training, trends in species and heritage.

## **Kerry Keith – SEH of Indiana President**

### Discussion Points

- Wolf Lake Project Overview: Hammond Lakes and Marquette Plan: History and how the LMCP has helped the Wolf Lake project.
- Improvements: created trail connectors, improved water quality, integrated neighborhoods into Marquette Plan.
- Components: Forsythe Park: vegetated, bio-swales; Aquatic Play Center, Beach, Conservatory and Formal Gardens, George Lake: trail pedestrian, Bridge: land bridge.
- Future: South properties, Sheffield.

## **Committee Announcements**

### Discussion Topics

Next CAB – Trail Construction Policy: Need to change wording about funding for trails, signage, bridges, boardwalks, kayak launches, etc.

Special Meeting required for voting Quorum: May dates 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Adjourn.